THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme of construction of girls hostel for ST girl students and construction of girls hostel for SC girl students were launched during Third Five Year Plan which are in operation in the country including the States having Scheduled areas namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Under the Schemes, grant is released to the State Govts. on 50:50 sharing basis and to the UT Admns. on 100% basis for construction of hostels for SC/ST girl students.

The scheme of educational complex was launched during 1992-93 in 48 identified districts having less than 2% literacy amongst tribal women. The list of districts in the States having scheduled areas covered under the scheme is at Annexure. Under the Scheme, 100% grants is given to the NGOs for establishment and running the educational complex.

Under the scheme of Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls launched in 1996-97, assistance is provided for setting up of Residential Schools in 48 districts having less than 2% literacy amongst SC women to the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) The residential schools have been set up under various schemes and there is marked decrease in drop out rate with the implementation of such schemes.

Rehabilitation/Training of Scavenger Families

1298. MISS SAROJ KHPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified all the scavenger families in all the districts of Maharashtra for rehabilitation and training;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether all such families have been liberated from inhuman practice of scavenging and rehabilitated;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and number of families yet to be rehabilitated; and

(e) the steps being taken to rehabilitate all such families in the States?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) District-wise details are given in Statement, *(see* below).

(c) 15725 families have been financed for self-employment and 8977 candidates belonging to scavenging families have been trained and are being helped for self-employment.

(d) The applications received from scavenger families and their dependents for self-employment are forwarded to the banks for sanction. The financing depends on the number of cases sanctioned by the bank. At present 1299 cases are being examined by the banks. Efforts are being made to speed up the work of rehabilitation of scavenger families.

(e) 6354 families are yet to be rehabilitated and efforts are being made to finance all the families in the stipulated period through Nationalised banks.

STATEMENT

Mahatma Phule Backward Class Development Corporation Ltd

Census of Scavenger Survey

Sr. No.	District	Only Scavengers		
		No. of Families	Population	Potential Beneficiaries
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Bombay City	3593	21407	8190
2.	Bombay Sub-Division	1664	9015	3855
3.	Thane	1758	9944	3248
4.	Sindhudurg	24	122	15
5.	Ratnagiri	66	360	51
6.	Raigad	203	990	104
	SUB-TOTAL:	2051	11416	15463
7.	Nasik	1205	6910	2136
8.	Jalgaon	1066	6494	2017
9.	Dhule	405	2556	797
10.	Ahmednagar	478	2818	871
	SUB-TOTAL:	3153	18778	5821
11.	Pune	2192	12524	5170
12.	Satana	181	1046	519
13.	Sangli	206	1163	490
14.	Kolhapur	312	1701	732
15.	Solapur	466	2670	1013
	SUB-TOTAL:	3357	19104	7928
16.	Aurangabad	416	2218	295
17.	Jalana	151	885	317
18.	Parbhani	221	1195	393
19.	Nanded	271	1354	523
20.	Latur	99	529	140
21.	Osmanabad	77	423	109
22.	Beed	133	852	277
	SUB-TOTAL:	1368	7456	2553

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1	2	3	4	5
23.	Amravati	873	4881	1361
24.	Akola	794	5156	1419
25.	Buldhana	574	3689	1134
26.	Yeotmal	413	2238	654
	SUB-TOTAL:	2654	15964	4568
27.	Nagpur	3130	17370	4725
28.	Bhandara	394	2329	536
29.	Chandrapur	293	1518	369
30.	Gadchiroli	35	175	41
31.	Wardha	385	2159	559
	SUB-TOTAL:	4237	23551	6230
	GRAND TOTAL:	22079	126691	42563

Ashram School in Tribal Areas of Maharashtra

1299. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established Ashram Schools in the tribal areas of Maharashtra for the development of Tribal children;

(b) if so, the details of each of such schools and the number of tribal children admitted in each of these schools, as on date;

(c) whether Government propose to increase their number in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 410 Ashram Schools run by the State Government and 324 Ashram Schools run by Voluntary Organisations in the State. Out of 734 Ashram Schools, there are 529 Ashram Schools in the Tribal Sub-Plan Area and 205 Ashram Schools in outside Tribal Sub Plan Area.

Out of 734 Ashram Schools the Government of Maharashtra have established 416 Post Basic Ashram Schools (273 Government and 143 Voluntary Organisations) and 318 Basic Ashram Schools (137 Government and 181 Voluntary Organisations).

In the ashram schools in each class 40 students are admitted as residential and 10 students are admitted as non-residential students. In the year 1997-98 there were 2,53,000 tribal students in these ashram schools in the state.

(c) and (d) The Government of Maharashtra have formulated the Master-Plan and according to which a backlog of only 292 has remained for opening Ashram School in the State. Accordingly, this Government have identified 292 places (70 in Tribal Sub-Plan Area and 222 in Outside Tribal Sub-Plan Area) to open new Ashram Schools in the State.